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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS Michigan State Senate Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Rick Shaffer, Chair House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS Michigan House of Representatives Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Shaffer:

Section 715(2) of 2006 Public Act 345 requires that the Department of Human Services report to the legislature on the "status of implementing" recommendations of the 2001 joint house and senate task force on juvenile justice, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) Mentoring programs that focus on improving communication and collaboration, encourage quality mentoring programs, recruitment of mentors, and increasing public awareness of and participation in programs for at-risk youth. (b) Discussion of programs relating to juvenile information networks as an Internet-based communication tool that assists with case management of juvenile offenders in the area. (c)Discussion of the possibility of implementing a program modeled after the "Wisconsin citizenship initiative" to collaborate with the before- or after-school programs offered under the authority of this act. (d) Exploration of the option of a summit conducted via the Internet to discuss measures relating to the prevention and intervention of at-risk youth. (e) Discussion of California's "8% early intervention" program that focuses on aggressive early intervention and treatment of young, high at-risk juvenile offenders and their families. (f) Multisystem therapy. (g) Youth service projects. (h) Community services projects."

This provision has been completed. The model programs have been presented at the statewide Balanced and Restorative Justice Conferences and

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adopted by various local jurisdictions. The Child Care Fund reimburses counties for 50 percent of the program if the program meets Child Care Fund eligibility.

Sincerely,

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